

## SPORTS SHORTS

### Wrestling tournament

The inaugural Hickam Blue Devils' Freestyle Wrestling tournament is Saturday from 9 a.m. to approximately 2 p.m. at the base fitness center. All of Team Hickam is invited to come out and watch as the Blue Devils compete against 150 other state-wide wrestlers.

### Cosmic event

A new organization, the Airmen's Activity Program, sponsored by the Air Force Sergeants Association Chapter 1550, is hosting a cosmic bowling afternoon June 18. Active duty, Reserve, Guard and dependents are welcome to participate. A maximum of 30 four or five-person teams can sign up.

The cost of \$12.50 per player includes three games, shoe rental and an entry to win door prizes from the pro shop, AAFES and more. To sign up a team, email Airman Heather Doggett at heather.doggett@hickam.af.mil, or call Senior Airman Abiola Gomes at 449-7821. After duty hours, call Airman 1st Class Justin Herbert at 230-6172.

### Softball tournament

The 15th Medical Group is hosting an all forces softball tournament July 15-17. Active duty, Reserve, Guard, and dependents are welcome.

Participants must be 18 years old and older and must have a valid military ID card. A maximum of 20 teams is allowed. The entry fee per team is \$150.

For registration forms or to volunteer email Taliah.Martin@hickam.af.mil or Linda.Grunwald@hickam.af.mil.

### Youth coaches needed

Youth sports has a need for coaches for their youth softball/baseball program in all age categories. People interested in volunteering to coach, contact B.J. Bentley at 448-4492/6611.

### Youth basketball clinic

The second annual inter-city programs and 4-feet of game basketball camp and clinics is scheduled this summer at the Manoa Valley Recreation Center.

**Guard clinic** - Aug. 4 from 1 to 4 p.m. Cost is \$65 and includes a t-shirt.

**Post clinic** - Aug. 5 from 1 to 4 p.m. Cost is \$65 and includes a t-shirt.

**Camp** - Aug. 8 to 11 from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$150 and includes a reversible jersey, a pair of shorts and a t-shirt.

The clinics and camps will feature guest appearances from a variety of University of Hawaii mens and womens basketball players, awards and prizes.

Registration forms are available at the Manoa Valley Recreation Center at 988-4747. For more information or to register, contact Phil Handy at 916-419-3136.



## Sergeant's love of steel, paint create rolling artwork

Story and photos  
by Tech. Sgt.  
Martin Jackson  
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Public Affairs

It has been said that styles repeat themselves, and motorcycles seem to be no different. Back by popular demand are tricked-out choppers with stretched frames, custom tanks and tons of chrome.

So popular are these custom choppers that several television series are dedicated to how they're built. However, because of their popularity these two wheeled masterpieces don't come cheap. With prices ranging from \$20,000 to \$60,000, most military bikers can only dream of ever owning one. But for Tech. Sgt. Greg Price, a C-40B crew chief with the 15th Airlift Maintenance Squadron, he stopped his dreaming and got to building, not only one but 14 of these choppers in the last four years.

The idea for his first bike started when he was attending a maintenance school at Boeing in Washington and was just about ready to pay \$19,000 for a new Harley Davidson V-Rod, when it came to him that he could save money by putting together his own custom chopper.

"Piece-by-piece I bought a motorcycle and built it in my hotel room," said Sergeant Price. "I of course, first

cleared it with the hotel staff before I started and it was pretty cool because they would dust and clean my bike and take pictures with it."

With his first bike built, like any artist, Sergeant Price was already dreaming of building his next one.

"It turned out to be a real nice bike, so I shipped it back to Hickam and was riding it downtown one day and a guy made me an offer I couldn't refuse, so I sold it and started making plans for my next bike," said Sergeant Price.

But the skills to build custom bikes didn't come over night to this Airman and he gives most of the credit to the skills he has developed during his 12 years of Air Force service as a crew chief. According to Sergeant Price it all started when he was a young Airman at Beale AFB, Calif., where he was encouraged by his supervisor, to go to college.

"Like most young Airmen I was encouraged to go to school, and I guess it was the rebel in side of me that made me decide to go to paint and body school," said Sergeant Price. "So I took paint and body classes and got certified in custom paint and body modifications for automobiles."

Soon after he got a part-time job working as a painter's assistant where he was able to watch a seasoned painter and learn the tricks of the trade and develop professional painting skills.



Tech. Sgt. Price adjusts the mounting alignment of a nitrous oxide tank on his pro street chopper.

It wasn't until a few years later when he moved to Tinker AFB, Okla., and opened his own shop completing minor repairs and painting automobiles where he was first introduced to working with motorcycles.

"Soon after opening up my shop, I started having customers who were bringing me their Harley Davidson's to be painted, and it was through disassembling, painting and reassembling the bikes that I developed my love for motorcycles," said Sergeant Price. "I realized there wasn't much to a bike, and with the current custom bike craze I decided I could do it too."

Most evenings you can find this NCO volunteering in the paint facility of Hickam's Auto Hobby shop, but he is rarely alone. Sergeant Price is constantly teaching and mentor-

ing others, sharing his painting and fabrication skills. Of his 14 bikes not all were his. He has made several for military members where he taught them as they built them, sharing his skills with them along the way.

For Sergeant Price it isn't the fact he can do a \$2,000 paint job or build a \$30,000 chopper that is rewarding, it is the fact that he is able to share and teach his skills with his fellow Airmen.

"Someone took the time to help me and it is only right I do the same," said Sergeant Price. "The most expensive side to motorcycles tends to be the maintenance, and by me sharing my skills with my fellow Airmen, I am helping them to not only get the bike of their dreams, but also create a love for the bike because they helped build it with

their own hands and in most cases are now able to do most of their own maintenance on the bike when we are done."

Though these chopper style motorcycles originated when military members who upon returning from World War II wanted to lighten their big bulky factory bikes, for Sergeant Price, his family and the Air Force will always come before his bike building.

"I am constantly asked why I am still in the military and why I haven't gotten out and go to work full time building bikes with how lucrative it is right now," said Sergeant Price. "But I always tell them that me and my family love the Air Force and that for now building bikes is just a hobby."



(Left) Sergeant Price lines up a transmission he is installing on an old-schoolstyle chopper. (Above) Sergeant Price mounts brake lines on his pro street chopper. He expects to show this bike in the 3rd Annual Choppers Only Show at Kapiolani Community College July 3.



## AT THE MOVIES

Memorial Theater 449-2239 • CLOSED Monday and Tuesday

### Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m.

**THE INTERPRETER** - Silvia alleges that she has overheard a death threat against an African head of state, in an instant, Silvia's life is turned upside down as she becomes a hunted target of the killers. Placed under the protection of federal agent Tobin, they must depend on one another, as the danger of a major assassination on U.S. soil grows. Silvia and Tobin play out a gripping dance of evasion and revelation that keeps them both guessing as they race to stop a terrifying international crisis before it's too late. Starring Nicole Kidman, Sean Penn. PG-13 (violence, some sexual content and brief strong language) 128 min

### Sunday, 7 p.m.

**HITCHHIKERS GUIDE TO THE GALAXY** - Earthman Arthur Dent is having a very bad day, His house is about to be bulldozed, he discovers that his best



friend is an alien and to top things off, Planet Earth is about to be demolished to make way for a hyperspace bypass. Arthur's only chance for survival: hitch a ride on a passing spacecraft. For the novice space traveler, the greatest adventure in the universe is begins when the world ends. Arthur sets out on a journey in which he finds that nothing is as it seems: he learns that a towel is just the most useful thing in the universe, finds the meaning of life and discovers everything he needs to know can be found in one book: The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy. Starring Martin Freeman, Mos Def. PG (for thematic elements, action and mild language) 103 min

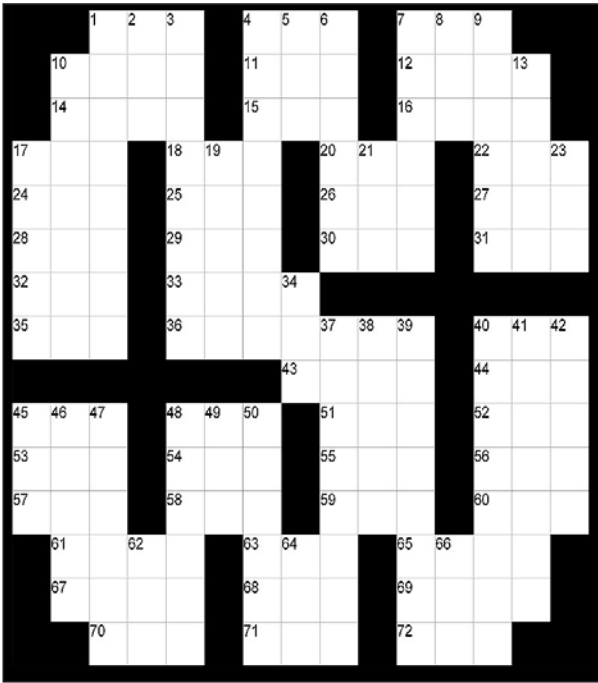
## Crossword Puzzle: Happy Birthday, U.S. Army

By 1st Lt. Tony Wickman  
Alaskan Command  
Public Affairs

### ACROSS

- TV commercials
- Prone to doing
- Tire track
- Mow
- By way of
- Continent home to Camp Humphreys
- Margarine
- Football stat
- Close
- Pair
- Question opener, "what \_\_\_\_ - ..."
- Slogan
- Motel units, in short
- GWB's party's committee, in short
- Long.'s globe opposite
- Hurricane center
- Good-to-go
- Greek letter
- Type of a/v interference
- Soldier's break from a combat zone, in short
- \_\_\_\_ Lanka
- Op or Dada
- Anchor
- Color
- Wearing wood down by grit paper
- USA org. for women, once
- Leg joint

- Overseas post address
- Resistance measurement
- NASA project for Mars, in short
- Distant
- Nationwide radio station, in short
- \_\_\_\_ vs. Wade
- 3 to Caesar
- Cash machine
- Mil. pay during a PCS
- Northern MN city airport code
- USA NCO
- Fed. cryptology org.
- Engine need
- Rounded
- Capture
- Hawaiian bird
- Aged
- Spring mon.
- Angered
- Homer's neighbor
- Settle
- Lout
- DOWN**
- Divide up
- Expire
- Dark horse candidates who don't win elections
- USA Branch
- Brooch
- Torn cloth
- USA Spec Ops person
- Draw on
- Crowns
- USA code part



- USA Branch
- Be afraid
- Pacific Island
- Writer Rand
- Downhill or cross-country
- Memorex and Sony competitor
- USA Branch
- Bovines
- Of Central European decent
- With \_\_\_\_\_ brutality; was gratuitously cruel
- Exploited

- Reef type
- USAF inspection
- USA code, in part
- 1961 Nobel Prize Calvin
- Deceived
- USA Soldiers, informally
- USA Branch
- Gorilla
- Fed. Environmental concerns org.
- Epoch

See **SOLUTION, B4**

## Team Hickam History: The Air Force’s most historic airfield



**June 11, 1911** – In a public address outlining the development of coastal artillery across the island, Army Brig. Gen. M. M. Macomb (Commander, District of Hawaii) stated that Oahu would be encircled with a “ring of steel, with mortar batteries at Diamond Head, big guns at Waikiki and Pearl Harbor, and a series of redoubts from Koko Head around the island to Waianae.” Fort Kamehameha coastal artillery batteries would be a key part of Oahu's “ring of steel.”

**June 14, 1959** – The first permanent military chapel in Hawaii was dedicated at Hickam. The cornerstone had been laid less than seven months before, November 30, 1958, for the concrete block chapel with adjoining education wing, erected at a cost of \$353,856.

**June 10, 1980** – General Ja-Joong Yoon, Chief of Staff, Republic of Korea, arrived at Hickam AFB for a three-day visit to PACAF. Wing support consisted of quarters, transportation, and use of the Officer's Open Mess and the distinguished visitor lounge.

**June 14, 1993** – Following Air Force acceptance of the aircraft May 18, 1992, the first C-17 Globemaster III (tail number 89-1192) arrived at its operational wing, the 437th Airlift Wing (Charleston Air Force Base, South Carolina).

**June 10, 1998** – The 15th Dental Squadron inactivated. The 15th Aerospace Medicine Squadron was redesignated as the 15th Aeromedical-Dental Squadron.

<http://www2.hickam.af.mil/ho/Past/15AW-components/15AEDS.pdf>

**June 15, 2004** – The wing officially closed Johnston Atoll on June 15, 2004. A yellow “X” was painted across the inactivated runway and a Hawaii Air National Guard C-130 transported the last remaining personnel to Hickam AFB. Today, only the birds remain. [http://www2.hickam.af.mil/ho/past/JA/JA\\_history\\_home.html](http://www2.hickam.af.mil/ho/past/JA/JA_history_home.html)

# Neighbors enjoy annual luau together

By Lt. Col. (ret.)  
Janie Still

The annual Fort Kam Luau took place May 21 in the Fort Kam Common Area.

The luau is an annual tradition for this quaint, history-rich neighborhood, having gone on since the early 1970s. This year, more than 30 families (approximately 200 people) attended the festivities, which started at 3:30 p.m. and ended well after sunset.

Events such as traditional lei making, coconut bowling, water

balloon tosses, horseshoes, three-legged races, volleyball, limbo, and hopscotch filled the early part of the afternoon as people mingled, meeting the new families moving into the neighborhood this summer and saying goodbye to those who are leaving.

Later in the evening, attendees took part in a fun game of Fort Kam trivia while enjoying a luscious feast of kalua pig cooked in their own homemade Imu. For the second year in a row, the entertainment was provided by

the 'Hula Halau' directed by Val Crabbe from Hickam's very own community center. Some of the star performers were Fort Kam residents themselves, Lauren and Addy Flores, who danced several solo numbers for their fellow neighbors.

New to this year's show was a unique performance by a pair of Samoan dancers who provided a glimpse into the island's rich culture. The annual Fort Kam luau is one of the many traditions that makes this neighborhood the best kept secret of all of Hickam.



(Top left) Luau attendees pull the pig from it's buried place. The pork was one dish served at the annual luau at Fort Kam Housing neighborhood May 21.

(Bottom left) Neighborhood children participate in a game of limbo during the luau. The luau offered a variety of events for neighborhood families and their guests.



(Above) Dancers perform during the luau at Fort Kamehameha Housing. (Right) Fort Hamehameha children play in a sand box during the event that occurs each year.





## 2nd Lt. Anita Guevara

## 15th Comptroller Squadron

The logo for Wickam Heroes, featuring the word "Wickam" in a black serif font and "Heroes" in a black sans-serif font, separated by a blue vertical bar with a white soccer ball icon. The background is a yellow gradient with a subtle soccer ball pattern.

## Staff Sgt. Karen Allen

15th Operations Support Squadron



**15th Comptroller Squadron rocks because:** People are great here. Starting from the very junior to the most senior member of our unit, everybody has a positive outlook on serving customers. Most especially, we believe in quality.

**My job affects all of Hickam in that:** Our unit serves approximately 1,800 external and internal customers with military/travel pay and budget/accounting issues, respectively, on a monthly basis. We help them by ensuring all their issues are taken care of in a timely and accurate manner.

**When not at work, I spend my off duty time:** With family and friends, especially with my daughter and mom. We like to explore the island, eating out (esp. Japanese food), watching movies, playing board games together, and shopping. I also enjoy running, playing tennis/volleyball, bicycling, and reading.

**If I could change anything about Hickam, it would be:** Longer tours. Living in paradise has its advantages.

**What her supervisor says:** Lt. Guevara has a bright future ahead of her. She's always eager to take on new tasks and her continuous outstanding performance instills confidence among her superiors. This attitude is not only evident in her work-related duties but her involvement in squadron, base and community activities. She is the epitome of excellence in all we do and a true Hickam Hero.

*Capt. James Lee, 15th CPTS*

**15th OSS rocks because:** We work together as a family. Everyone pulls together in the time of need and provides support and encouragement during trying times.

**My job affects all of Hickam in that:** We are the bridge between the mainland and the Pacific

**When not at work, I spend my off duty time.** With my daughter J'Ni. I also spend my leisure time writing poetry and taking online classes.

**Something people don't know about the 15th OSS:** We deal with all of the flying operations in and out of Hickam to include distinguished visitor movements, classified movements, and foreign dignitaries.

**If I could change anything about Hickam, it would be:** the gym because it is too small for the amount of people we have here on the base and the base exchange to bring in a better variety of clothing and shoes.

**What her supervisor says:** Staff Sgt. Allen is a valuable member of our team. At the heart of what we do is “behind the scenes” but Staff Sgt. Allen’s dedication to the success of the Wing mission never waivers. Her exceptional performance definitely contributed to our Flight’s selection as PACAF’s 2004 Airfield Management Facility of the Year. Most important, she works hard to set a good example and mentor our younger troops.



*Senior Master Sgt. Donna Concepcion, 15th OSS*

## Crossword puzzle solution



## CHAPEL

*Editor's note: For more information on Base Chapel services or for prayer requests call the Chapel Center at 449-1754 or Nelles Chapel at 449-6562*

## PROTESTANT

Nelles Chapel  
Sunday Contemporary  
Service 8:30 a.m.  
Sunday Gospel Worship  
11:15 a.m.  
Sunday Praise Gathering  
5:30 p.m.  
Chapel Center  
Sunday Traditional  
8:30 a.m.

## JEWISH

Aloha Jewish Chapel,  
Pearl Harbor  
473-0050  
Jewish Lay Leader  
Mr. David Bender  
527-5877  
Naval Station Chapel  
473-3971

# CATHOLIC

Nelles Chapel  
Weekday Mass  
11:30 a.m.  
Saturday Confession  
4:15 p.m.  
Saturday Mass 5 p.m.  
Chapel Center  
Sunday Mass 10 a.m.

## ISLAMIC

Friday Congregational  
Service  
(1935 Aleo Place,  
Punahou)  
1 p.m.  
Muslim Association  
of Hawaii  
947-6263

## BUDDHIST

Honpa Hongwanji Hawaii  
Betsuin A Shin  
Buddhist Temple  
536-7044

## ORTHODOX

For more information  
call 438-6687



# Hickam members paddle to win

**By Capt. Kimberly Lee**  
Pacific Air Forces Security Forces

Air Force members from Hickam opened the eyes of the Hawaii Outrigger Canoe Racing community recently when they helped Ka Mamalahoe Canoe Club win the Medium Club Size Division of the Hawaii Canoe Racing Association's opening day regatta at Ke'ehi Lagoon.

Eleven members from Team Hickam paddle for Ka Mamalahoe Canoe Club which is in only its fourth year of existence. The clubs victory was its first ever, thanks in no small part to the tremendous contributions of its Air Force contingent.

The races consist of 36 events ranging in crew divisions from ages 12 to 65, all men crews, all women crews, and mixed crews (men and women), in distances of one-quarter mile, one-half mile, one mile and one and one half mile.

In the biggest race upset of the day, the "Mixed Novice" crew consisting of Air Force members; Ronnell Simmons, Kimberly Lee, Guy Dashnea, Robert Brown, Anthony Florentine, and Merlinda Vergonio, unseated a highly touted mixed crew from the Waikiki Beach Boys Canoe Club, prompting one of the opposing club coaches to ask in amazement, "Where did this crew come from?" The first place finish from the Air Force crew sealed Ka Mamalahoe's Club victory by two points over runner up Alapa Hoe Canoe Club followed by ten other clubs.

Ka Mamalahoe assistant head coach Scott Thompson said he is

extremely pleased to have the Air Force members as part of the club.

"They have been an absolutely positive influence in the club with their incredible work ethic and diverse backgrounds," he said. "I wish we could get more to come out."

Frank Deniz, Pacific Air Forces, who has been paddling for several years, introduced most of the Airmen to the sport.

"It's been great to get so many military members involved in competitive paddling. It helps keeps you in great shape and it's a sport which anyone, even entire families can participate and compete in," he said. "It's not uncommon to see a son, daughter, mother and father competing in one of the 36 different race events. It also exposes the military members to the unique traditions and skills of the Hawaiian culture."

Other club members from Hickam are; Robert Brown, PACAF, Guy Dashnea, 15th Security Forces Squadron, Jake Kearney, 324th Intelligence Squadron, Anthony Florentine, 324th IS, Anthony Biello, 56th Air Communications Squadron, Kimberly Lee, PACAF, Merlinda Vergonio, PACAF, Ronelle Simmons, PACAF, Roger Ponce, 15th SFS, and Jackie-Lynn Brown, 15th Operations Group.

People interested in the sport can contact Master Sgt. Frank Deniz at 232-7570 or Scott Thompson at 224-2149. The club practices at Ke'ehi Lagoon off of Lagoon Drive Mondays through Wednesdays and Fridays, 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. No previous paddling experience is needed.



Courtesy photo  
**(Above) The first place Hawaii Canoe Racing Association Mixed Novice Crew from left to right: Merlinda Vergonio, Robert Brown, Guy Dashnea (kneeling) Kimberly Lee, Anthony Florentine and Ronelle Simmons. (Below) Air Force members participate in a canoe race along with members from around Oahu.**



# Women's playoffs full of battles



**(Above) Donna Davis, Hawaii Air National Guard, swings at the ball during the softball playoffs Monday. (Below) Jennifer Samson, HIANG, prepares to pitch the ball to Rachel Matos, 352nd Information Operations Squadron, during the playoffs.**



## 15th CE edges 15th MDG 8-7 to avoid elimination

The second elimination game Monday was a ferocious battle with neither team willing to give up until the final out.

The 15th Medical Group got off to a quick start, leading 3 to 0 after three innings.

The 15th Civil Engineer Squadron answered with tough defense in the top of the fourth inning two runs in the bottom half of the fourth.

CES player Ivy Eggert said, "I was nervous early, but the team

knew that we had to win. It was just tough because we were missing some key players."

The top of the fifth inning MDG answered with two more runs, however in the bottom of the inning CES capitalized on defensive miscues to score four runs and tie the game at 6 to 6.

"We played well offensively but our defensive errors really hurt us," Angela Wilkin, 15th MDG, said.

Heading into the bottom half of the seventh inning the score stood at

7 to 6 in favor of MDG. CES came to the plate needing one run to tie and two runs to win. With no outs recorded CES scored the winning run on a sharp liner that took a wicked bounce into a MDG player's face. The player would be okay but the team's spirits were understandably somewhat deflated.

"The season has been very close and it's just tough to lose this way, but we had a lot of fun this year," said Wilkin

## Air National Guard eliminates 352nd IOS

**By Senior Airman Patrick Haney**  
Kukini Sports Writer

In the first of two elimination games Monday the Hawaii Air National Guard team came ready to play.

Scoring nine runs in the first inning to the 352nd Information Operation Squadron's zero, HIANG took firm control early.

In the top of the second inning, 352nd IOS loaded the bases but eventually came away empty handed after nice defense by the HIANG.

352nd IOS Coach Chris Barhorst explained, "We hit the ball hard but we just kept proving they could field."

In fact of the five base runners 352nd IOS had through two innings, three were the result of walks issued by HIANG Pitcher Jennifer Samson.

When asked about her

early control problems Jennifer replied, "It took me a little while to adjust and focus. I play much better in pressure situations."

Perhaps that's why when the 352nd IOS scored two runs in the third inning HIANG almost instantaneously clamped down on defense.

Going into the bottom half of the fifth inning HIANG led 10 to 2 and needed to score three runs to win the game under the 10-run mercy rule.

Two quick walks brought Kelsey Arakaki to the plate with a chance to win the game. With a fast swing of the bat and great hustle on the base paths Kelsey ended the game on an inside-the-park home run.

Kelsey talked about the game winning run saying, "The left fielder was playing me shallow and I just hit it."



# Team Hickam participates in first ever Pearl Harbor Memorial Relay Run

By Lt. Col. Amanda Preble  
Joint Typhoon Warning Center

In the peaceful calm of what would become an overcast, breezy morning on Ford Island, 36 teams ran a five-hour relay to raise \$7500 for the USS Oklahohma Memorial and to honor the memory of the lives lost in Pearl Harbor.

The five-hour relay idea emerged during a training run one evening when local runners Neil Voje and Ray Woo decided to establish a race that could possibly replace the Oahu Perimeter Run and raise money to benefit the USS Okalahoma Memorial project. They paired up with the Surface Navy Association and were sponsored by the Pearl Harbor Visitors Center. A timed run, where the concept is to cover as much distance as possible in five hours, offered something different from the local racing fare.

The inaugural event took place May 30 with 36 teams ranging in size from one member to twelve members toeing the line for the first 3.3-mile loop. Teams fell

into categories based on size: Destroyers had four or fewer runners, Cruisers had five to eight runners, and Battleships had nine or more runners.

The course took runners around the island, at points close enough to the water to see the wreckage of the Okalahoma. Runners during the early loops were also treated to the sight of the USHS Mercy coming into port.

Team Runaholics took top place in the Cruiser division and overall, covering an impressive 13 loops in just more than five hours. Team PACOM J-6, a Battleship comprised of members from each service led by four Air Force members, turned in 11 loops. The Air Force teams: Team Bearcats, Team AFOSI, and Team Typhoon Too also made a strong showing with ten laps each. Team Grace, a solo effort by Air Force Amanda Preble, covered eight laps, just over a marathon for the morning.

Planning for next year's event has already begun. Race organizers hope to expand the running field to 100 teams and continue support for Pearl Harbor memorials.



Courtesy photos

(Above) Runners line up at the starting point for the Memorial Day Relay Run May 30. (Right) Amanda Preble of Team Grace and Dan Marvin of Team Typhoon Too run across the timing mat during the Relay Race. Several Air Force members participated in the run to raise money for the USS Oklahohma Memorial.



Give us your feedback

Team Hickam members can submit letters to the editor to  
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